



Hard Hat Features & Options

Did you know that there are some important features to consider when deciding which hard hat to use?

The two most common suspensions found in hard hats are the pinlock and ratchet suspensions? Both styles offer the user the ability to adjust the suspension to their liking but differ in how that adjustment is made.

Type I vs. Type II Hard Hats

Type I hard hats are the most common and provide protection from blows to the top of the hard hat. Type II hard hats provide additional protection for potential blows to the front, back, and side of the hard hat.

Classes of Hard Hats

Hard hats are also assigned classes which describes their level of protection against electrical shock:

- Class E (Electrical) hard hats can withstand up to 20,000 volts of electricity
- Class G (General) hard hats are able to withstand 2,200 volts of electricity
- Class C (Conductive) hard hats offer no protection from electric shock

Special Note Regarding Bump Caps

Bump caps are different from hard hats in that they only are meant to protect the scalp by reducing exposure to abrasions and lacerations caused by minor bumps

to the head. Bump caps do NOT meet OSHA or ANSI requirements for head protection.

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